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PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicant(s): In Kwon Jeong

Group Art Unit: 3723

Serial No. 10/765,613

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Examiner: Wilson, Lee D.

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR POLISHING SEMICONDUCTOR
WAFERS USING ONE OR MORE POLISHING SURFACESMail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir/Madam:

In the Office Action dated July 19, 2005, the Examiner has asked the Applicant to elect from one of the following two groups:

Group I: Claims 1-9, 17-23 and 29, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 451, subclass 11.

Group II: Claims 10-16 and 24-28, drawn to a method, classified in class 451, subclass 28.

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In response, Applicant elects with traverse Group I: Claims 1-9, 17-23 and 29, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 451, subclass 11. However, Applicant respectfully asserts that the inventions of Groups I and II are not distinct from each other since the apparatus as claimed can only be used to practice processes that require an object to be pivoted or transferred. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

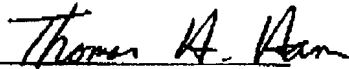
Although the Office Action states that claim 1-29 are pending in the patent application, there are actually claims 1-38 that are pending in the patent application. Applicant respectfully suggests that claims 1-38 in the patent application are distinct over the prior art and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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